

electrical items for Unit - IV of Upper Kolab Power Project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI. P.K. THUGON): (a) No critical electrical item is pending with BHEL.

(b) and (c). The question do not arise.

[*Translation*]

NAM Centre for Science and Technology

5473. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the "NAM Centre for Science and Technology" in Delhi was set up;

(b) the objectives of setting up this centre; and

(c) the names of the countries which have become its member so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Sir, the Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-aligned and Other Developing Countries was set up in New Delhi with the convening of the first meeting of the Governing Council in New Delhi on March 19-18, 1989.

(b) The objectives of the Centre are:

- to promote various actions called for by the Programme for Economic Cooperation and by the common strategy for cooperation in the fields of science and technology in order to strengthen cooperation among non-aligned and other developing countries;
- to promote mutually beneficial S&T Collaboration, and joint R&D;
- to act as a clearing house for technological information; and
- to maintain a registry of S&T experts.

(c) Thirty-one countries have become members of the Centre so far.

[*English*]

Development of Bidar, Karnataka

5474. SHRI RAMCHANDRA: Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have sent some development projects of Bidar districts to the Planning Commission for approval, during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.